

California Polytechnic State University

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**To: News Editors, Assignment Editors, City Editors, Photo Editors, Reporters**

**Who:** Astronaut Robert “Hoot” Gibson and entrepreneur and San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos

**What:** Will be available for individual media interviews

**When:** 11:15 a.m. Saturday, June 12, between Cal Poly morning and afternoon commencement ceremonies

**Where:** In the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center, corner of Crandall and Campus Way. (Take the California Boulevard entrance to campus; turn right into the parking lot for the ASI Orfalea Children’s Center. The Alumni Center is directly across Crandall Way from the Children’s Center. Metered parking is available at the Children’s Center and also next to the Alumni Center. Spanos and Gibson will be available for media questions at 11:15 a.m. on the back patio of the Smith Center.

**Why:** If you want to get photos of or interviews with Cal Poly’s two commencement speakers, Hoot Gibson or Alex Spanos. Both will also receive honorary degrees from Cal Poly June 12.

**More Details:** If you’re covering commencement in Mustang Stadium, you are welcome to park in the C-3 staff lot behind Heron Hall, where Public Affairs is located. It’s the closest parking available. (Take the California Boulevard entrance to Campus Way; take the first available left into the C-3 driveway entrance.)

Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and grad candidates gather and line up in their caps and gowns roughly an hour beforehand at various locations across campus to march down South Perimeter Drive and into Mustang Stadium. There are roughly 3,400 candidates eligible for degrees Saturday before an expected 15,000 family, friends and visitors.

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